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Total Allocation and Offtake of Foodgrains (Wheat and Rice) under Targeted Public Distribution and other Welfare Schemes and Total Offtake under BPL and AAY

(in Lakh Tonnes)

Year	TPDS		Other Welfare Schemes		Total Offtake	Offtake Under BPL & AAY		
	Allocation	Offtake	Allocation	Offtake		Wheat	Rice	Total
2004-05	720.57	296.52	139.41	106.09	402.61	96.87	132.36	22923
2005-06	719.86	313.87	94.93	97.56	411.43	86.88	143.97	230.85
2006-07	580.16	316.39	56.94	51.19	367.58	75.99	153.02	229.01

*Excluding open market sale and export.

Source: Deptt. of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution.

Revamping of transport sector

279. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to prepare a strategy for revamping the transport sector;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government is also preparing a paper on reduction of energy use by transport industry; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The strategy and the policy guiding the development of the transport sector, keeping pace with the changing requirements, advancements in technology and expanding opportunities and challenges, is an ongoing process. This gets delineated in the various Plan documents.

(c) and (d) As decided in the first meeting of the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change, Planning Commission has been asked to coordinate a Group with a view to developing a policy for public transport sensitive to climate change. The recommendations contained in the Report of the Group will *inter-alia* have a bearing on reduction in every use per unit of throughout in the transport sector.

Rank in Global Hunger Index

280. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Global Hunger Index, India scores low in hunger while Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar fare better;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government during the Eleventh Plan period to control hunger and poverty in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) According to the Global Hunger Index 2007, prepared by